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A. Campaign and Service Awards Requiring Authorization from the DOT/Coast Guard awarding authorities. Those campaign and service awards, which must be approved by Department of Defense (DoD for Coast Guard members when operating with DoD are listed in paragraph 5.B.). Paragraph 5.C. outlines the foreign/international awards authorized for Coast Guard personnel. Table 1 in Chapter 1 shows the precedence of all awards.

### 1. Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal.

a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded for proficiency in rating, sobriety, obedience, industry, courage, and neatness throughout such period of service. Effective 1 July 1983, the required period of service is 3 years.

(1) Creditable Service. The required 3-year period of creditable service applicable toward a Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal and subsequent good conduct awards must have been enlisted.

(a) Creditable service must have been accrued while serving on active duty in the Regular Coast Guard or the Coast Guard Reserve. Membership in the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve or Coast Guard Auxiliary is not creditable. Active duty for training performed by reservists is not creditable. However, if otherwise creditable, periods of active duty of 3 months or more may be counted. Reserve time applied toward the Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal may not be applied toward a good conduct award while on active duty.

(b) Service must be continuous. Reenlistment within 3 months is considered continuous service. However, the time spent out of service during the period is not creditable. Inactive duty for a period of more than 3 months is considered a break in continuous service.

(c) Temporary retirement status due to physical disability or time served during an authorized temporary separation of 2 years or less does not constitute a break in a 3- or 4-year period of service for determining eligibility for good conduct awards. However, the time spent in that status is not creditable.

(d) Concurrent service as an enlisted member of the Coast Guard and as a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy is not creditable when the cadet: (1) has completed training; (2) has terminated enlistment, and (3) has been appointed to the grade of ensign. However, such enlisted service is creditable when: (1) a cadet's appointment is terminated at any time during the cadet's training; and (2) the cadet continues service as an enlisted person.

- (e) Temporary service as a warrant officer or commissioned officer is creditable only when the member has reverted to enlisted status and meets performance and conduct requirements. Temporary warrant officers and commissioned officers discharged from their enlisted status to accept permanent appointment as officers are considered as having reverted to their enlisted status for the purpose of computing service for a good conduct award.

(2) Conduct and Performance.

- (a) Conduct and performance will be computed in accordance with and satisfy the requirements of the period in which served. (Effective July 1, 1983, the requirement is an average in each marking period of not less than three in any factor and no conduct characteristic mark less than four.)
- (b) When a person is convicted by court-martial and sentenced to a period of confinement, a new period shall begin with the date of release from confinement even though such release may be on a probationary basis. If no confinement is included in approved sentence of a courts martial or as a result of non-judicial punishment, a new period shall commence the day following date of conviction (See article 10.B.2, Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series).
- (c) When an infraction of discipline results in non-judicial punishment, a new period will commence the day following the date non-judicial punishment is awarded.
- (d) If convicted by civil authorities, a new period shall begin with date of return to Coast Guard jurisdiction. If confinement is not involved civil convictions do not necessarily bar a person from a good conduct award. (See article 10.B.2, Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series). However, if that individual's marks were lowered below the minimum requirements for that period, a new period would commence the day following the date of the adverse marks.
- (e) Conduct and performance of an enlisted person, during tenure as a cadet or temporary service as a warrant officer or commissioned officer, to be creditable, must not include any of the following:
  - (1) Courts-martial, non-judicial punishment, letter of censure, admonition or reprimand;
  - (2) Suspension from duty or private reprimand whether noted on fitness report or otherwise reported officially to the Commandant; and
  - (3) Unsatisfactory fitness report, civil conviction not involving confinement or reversion to enlisted status for disciplinary reason.

- b. Posthumous Award to Deceased Members Serving in First Enlistment. The Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal shall be awarded posthumously in cases where the deceased member was serving in a first enlistment, and the member's conduct, verified by record and last commanding officer, was such that if continued through a complete enlistment would have resulted in the member being eligible for the Good Conduct Medal. It is the responsibility of the deceased member's last commanding officer to provide this information without delay to Commandant (CGPC-adm-3).
- c. Certificates and Attachments. Commanding officers shall complete a Good Conduct Award Certificate (CG-4178) at such time as an individual is issued a Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal or is authorized to wear a bronze star for a second or subsequent good conduct award. [Awarding of these certificates shall not be retroactive.] The commanding officer shall ensure Good Conduct Award Certificates are completed showing the name of the member who earned the award, rate, number of the award (i.e., first second, etc.), and the date on which the service for the award was completed. The certificate(s) shall be signed by the commanding officer and presented at an appropriate ceremony.

**Sample Good Conduct Award Certificate**

2. Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. This medal, like the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, is issued to Reserve enlisted persons who have been recommended by their commanding officers for proficiency in rating, sobriety, obedience, industry, courage, and neatness throughout each qualifying period of service.
  - (1) The Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal is issued to Reserve enlisted members who earn at least 70 retirement points during each of three consecutive anniversary years in the Coast Guard Reserve.
  - (2) The consecutive 3-year period is computed from the member's anniversary date.
  - (3) Conduct and performance requirements are identical to active duty policy.
  - (4) Reserve enlisted members serving on extended active duty (EAD) may be eligible for either the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal but not both during the same time period. Award eligibility will be determined by the status in which the reservist performed the majority of time. For example, a reservist who served 2 eligible years toward the Reserve Good Conduct Medal then enters into an EAD contract must complete 1 additional year of active duty to earn a Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal; a reservist who served one eligible year toward the Reserve Good Conduct Medal then enters into an EAD contract must complete 2 additional years of active duty to earn a Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal. Eligibility periods for the Coast Guard Reserve and Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals may not overlap.

- (5) Active duty personnel who immediately affiliate with the reserve program at the time they are released from active duty may apply active duty time not previously credited toward a Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal toward the Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal.
- b. Certificates and Attachments. Commanding officers shall complete a Reserve Good Conduct Award Certificate, CG-4178A, at such time as an individual is issued a Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal or is authorized to wear a bronze star for a second or subsequent award. The commanding officer shall ensure Reserve Good Conduct certificates are completed showing the name of the member who earned the award, rate, number of the award (i.e., first, second, etc.), and the date on which the service for the award was completed.

**Sample CG Reserve Good Conduct Award Certificate**

3. Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) Ribbon.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to the most outstanding active duty and Reserve enlisted person. The award is open to all active duty and Reserve enlisted personnel in pay grades E-2 through E-6. Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year Program, COMDTINST 1650.36 (series), contains further criteria.
- b. Award Elements. The EPOY award consists of a ribbon bar only.

4. Antarctica Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to a person who, during the period subsequent to 1 January 1946 and a date to be ultimately established by the Secretary of Defense, meets the qualifications of any of the subparagraphs set forth below. For the purpose of this paragraph, Antarctica is defined as the area south of latitude 60 degrees south.
  - (1) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or civilian citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States who as a member of a U.S. expedition, participates in or has participated in scientific, direct support, or exploratory operations in Antarctica.
  - (2) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or civilian citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States who participated in a foreign Antarctic expedition in Antarctica in coordination with a U.S. Antarctic expedition, and who is or was under the sponsorship and approval of competent U.S. Government authority.
  - (3) Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who participates in or has participated in flights as a member of the crew of an aircraft flying to or from the Antarctic Continent in support of operations in Antarctica.

- (4) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or civilian citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States who serves or has served in a United States ship operating south of latitude 60 degrees south in support of United States programs in Antarctica.
  - (5) Any person, including citizens of foreign nations, not fulfilling the qualifications under subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, but who participates in, or has participated in a U.S. Antarctic expedition in Antarctica at the invitation of a participating U.S. agency. The Secretary of the Department under whose cognizance the expedition falls will give the award, provided the commander of the military support force as senior U.S. representative in Antarctica considers that such person has performed outstanding and exceptional service and shared the hardships and hazards of the expedition. Recommendations concerning civilians nominated for the award shall be forwarded to Commandant (G-WPM-1) for adjudication.
- b. Time Limitations. No minimum time limits of participation under the foregoing guidelines are required for eligibility for this medal prior to 1 June 1973. Subsequent to 1 June 1973, minimum time limits for the award are 30 days under competent orders to duty at sea or ashore, south of latitude 60 degrees south. Each day of duty under competent orders at an outlying station on the Antarctic Continent will count as 2 days when determining award eligibility. Flight crews of aircraft providing logistics support from outside the Antarctic Area will receive no more than 1 day's credit for flights in and out during any 24-hour period. Days do not have to be consecutive. The award may be made posthumously. No person is authorized to receive more than one award of the medal.
  - c. Eligible Coast Guard Vessels. Upon completion of a vessel deployment during which the eligibility requirements for this medal have been met, the commanding officer shall forward to Commandant (G-WPM-1) a listing of the inclusive dates for which this medal has been authorized. See enclosure (13) for the list of eligible vessels.
  - d. Devices.
    - (1) Clasps. Personnel who stay or have stayed on the Antarctic Continent during the winter months are eligible to wear a bronze clasp with the words "Winter Over" on the suspension ribbon of the medal. A gold clasp is authorized for the second wintering over period, and a silver clasp is worn to denote the third or subsequent wintering over period. Not more than one clasp shall be worn on the suspension ribbon of the medal. (The winter period is from mid-March to early October. The summer period is from early October to mid-March.)

- (2) Disks. The first wintering over eligibility will be denoted by a bronze disk of 5/16-inch diameter, inscribed with an outline of the Antarctic Continent, fastened on the ribbon bar representing the medal. (Disk is worn with peninsula pointing up.) A gold disk will represent the second wintering over period. A silver disk will represent the third or subsequent wintering over period. Not more than one disk shall be worn on the ribbon bar.
- (3) Stars. For all deployments after 1 January 1989, a bronze service star is authorized (but not issued) to be worn on the suspension ribbon and ribbon bar of the Antarctica Service Medal to denote each subsequent period of eligibility. A silver star denotes a sixth award. Only one award may be earned during each deployment. Local commands, upon submission of supporting documentation, may authorize service stars to be worn by individuals who have earned subsequent awards for deployments occurring prior to 1 January 1989.

#### 5. Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to any person who meets the qualifications of any of the subparagraphs set forth below:
  - (1) Any member of the Coast Guard who, during summer operations (1 May to 31 October), serves in any Coast Guard mission north of the Arctic Circle (66°33'N); or any member of the Coast Guard who, during winter operations (1 November to 30 April), serves or has served aboard a Coast Guard vessel operating in polar waters north of latitude 60 degrees North in the Bering Sea, Davis Strait, or Denmark Strait. Minimum time requirement is 21 non-consecutive days under competent orders.
  - (2) Any member of the Coast Guard who participates in or has participated in flights as a member of the crew of an aircraft flying to or from stations listed in subparagraph (3) above or any shore locations north of the Arctic Circle in support of Coast Guard missions. Minimum time requirements, 21 non-consecutive days under competent orders, receiving no more than 1 day's credit for flights in and out during any 24-hour period. Only one award per year is authorized.
  - (3) Upon completion of a ship deployment during which the eligibility requirements for this award have been met, the commanding officer shall forward to Commandant (G-WPM-1) a listing of the inclusive dates for which this medal has been authorized. See enclosure (14) for a list of eligible ships. Recommendations concerning civilians nominated for the award while serving with the Coast Guard on expeditions shall be forwarded to Commandant (G-WPM-1) for adjudication.



6. Humanitarian Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel under the general and specific criteria below:

- (1) General. The Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) may be awarded to military members of the Armed Forces and their Reserve components (when performing in connection with their reserve status) who, subsequent to 1 April 1975, distinguished themselves as individuals or as members of U.S. military units or ships by meritorious, direct, non-routine participation in a significant military act or operations of a humanitarian nature. Direct participation is defined as being physically present at the designated location, having directly contributed to and influenced action. Designated location is the immediate site(s) of the humanitarian operations as defined by the presidential request for assistance in the U.S. or the Department of State for overseas areas. When appropriate, the local commander in his/her recommendation may propose specific clarification of designated boundaries based on the intent of the Presidential or Department of State request. Specifically excluded from eligibility are Service members or elements remaining at geographically separate locations or who were assigned to the location but did not make a direct contribution to nor influenced the action. No duration of qualifying service is specified for eligibility. Award of the HSM does not preclude or conflict with other medals or ribbons awarded on the basis of unit achievement, or of individual valor, achievement, or meritorious service. No person will be entitled to more than one award of the HSM for participation in the same military act or operation of a humanitarian nature.
- (2) Specific. The following types of military acts or operations may qualify for award of this medal:
  - (a) Significant assistance in the event of national or international disasters, natural or man-made, such as, but not limited to earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, typhoons, or catastrophic fires.
  - (b) Relief to a starvation area.
  - (c) Evacuation of personnel from an area threatened by a hostile force.
  - (d) Support or resettlement of refugees or evacuees.
  - (e) Other significant military activities directly related to humanitarian service. These must be above and beyond routine actions. For example, normal search and rescue (SAR) operations conducted by specially trained SAR units would not be eligible for HSM consideration. Similarly, in accordance with the laws and traditions of the seas, the rescue of stricken vessels by Coast Guard units would not normally be eligible.

- (f) Acts or operations of a similar nature as determined by the Secretary of Defense; the Secretary of Transportation; or the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard. (See enclosure 17 for Coast Guard approved operations.)
- (3) Guidelines. Service rendered in the act or operation being considered must meet the following criteria:
- (a) Must be above and beyond normal duties (voluntary aspects may be a consideration).
  - (b) Must have major significance.
  - (c) Must have provided immediate relief, relieve human suffering, and should save lives (property may be a factor).
  - (d) Must have affected the outcome of the situation (non-action could produce definite consequences).
  - (e) Must have specified dates and must be restricted to the period of “immediate relief.” Periods beyond immediate relief are considered established ongoing operations beyond the initial emergency conditions and these periods are no longer eligible for the Humanitarian Service Medal.
  - (f) Must have evidence that the emergency assistance provided was:
    - 1. Requested by the President of the United States (such as, Presidential Emergency Declaration or established contingency plans issued under Presidential authority); or
    - 2. Requested by the Department of State (for overseas areas).
- (4) Exclusions. The Humanitarian Service Medal shall not be awarded for participation in domestic disturbances involving law enforcement, equal rights to citizens, or protection of properties.
- b. Recommendations.
- (1) Award recommendations will be submitted to Commandant (G-WPM-1) via the appropriate chain of command. Acts or operations involving ships, units, and/or detachments shall be submitted in letter form with the following:
    - (a) A narrative justification; a written justification fully explaining and attesting to the humanitarian aspects of the services rendered by Service members in the operation being recommended. The Humanitarian Service Medal is an INDIVIDUAL award. As such, only those individuals who meet the specific requirements and guidelines in paragraph 5.12.a. shall be eligible for award of the Humanitarian Service Medal.

- (b) Specifically defined geographic area;
  - (c) A listing of ships and or units which directly participated in the military act or operation, specifying dates of involvement;
  - (d) A listing of individuals, detailing full name, rank/rate, social security number, branch of service, and permanent unit at the time of the act or operation;
  - (e) Forwarding endorsements shall make specific recommendation for approval/disapproval.
  - (f) Documentation of the Presidential or the Department of State request for assistance.
- (2) Recommendations must be entered administratively into command channels within 2 years of the military act or operation to be recognized. Those military acts or operations, which meet the eligibility criteria, will be forwarded to the Commandant via the Coast Guard Board of Awards for disposition.

#### 7. Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their Reserve Components who, subsequent to 31 December 1992, perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct, and consequential nature. To be eligible, the individuals service must:
  - (1) Be to the civilian community, to include the military family community;
  - (2) Be significant in nature and produce tangible results;
  - (3) Reflect favorably on the military service and the Department of Transportation; and
  - (4) Be of a sustained and direct nature. While there is no specific time threshold to qualify for the MOVSM, approval authorities shall ensure the service to be honored merits the special recognition afforded by this medal. The MOVSM is intended to recognize ***exceptional community support over an extended period of time and not a single act or achievement.*** It is intended to honor direct support of community activities. While all members, as good citizens, should become involved in some level of community support, this award recognizes the truly outstanding volunteers.

Examples of qualifying volunteer service include *but are not limited to*:

Boy/Girl Scouts/Camp Fire/YMCA/4-H Volunteer  
 Youth Sports Programs  
 Hot Line Volunteer (abuse/rape/suicide)  
 Hospital Volunteer  
 Volunteer Teachers/Mentors  
 March of Dimes, Easter Seal, etc. /Walkathons  
 Volunteer Fire Dept./Rescue Squad/Medics  
 Literacy Programs  
 Salvation Army or Red Cross Volunteer  
 Drug Abuse/Child Abuse Programs  
 Big Brother/Big Sister

- b. Recommendations. Recommendations for this award, will be submitted by the members' immediate supervisors,( through the chain of command) to the awarding authority, using CG 1650 and a Summary of Action. At a minimum, the Summary of Action should contain the following: (1) community activity name, address, and point of contact; (2) period of service; (3) description of mission and population served; (4) description of service rendered, impact/results achieved; and (5) approximate number of hours contributed.
- c. Award Elements. The MOVSM is comprised of a large medal and ribbon bar. A one-page letter that specifically cites the individual's volunteer service accompanies the award. The letter is prepared on Commandant stationery and is signed by the awarding authority.

**Sample Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal letter**

8. Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to any personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard and certain other uniformed individuals who, after 1 July 1987, participate in significant numbers in a major Coast Guard operation of a special nature, not involving combat. The member must not have been recognized by another service award, such as the Humanitarian Service Medal, for the same operation during the same period of service. See enclosure (19) for a listing of approved operations.
- b. Specific. The Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (SOS) may be authorized for any of the following categories of multi-unit or multi-service operations (excluding training):
  - (1) Coast Guard operations of a special nature involving multiple-agency involvement pertaining to national security/law enforcement.

- (2) Coast Guard operations or involvement with foreign governments in all areas of saving life and property at sea.
  - (3) Coast Guard operations of assistance for friendly and/or developing nations.
- c. Definitions and Guidelines. Service rendered in the act or operation being considered must meet the following criteria:
- (1) The area of operations shall consist of such water, land, and air space as defined by the operational commander.
  - (2) Personnel must be attached to a unit and be present for not less than 21 days (consecutive or non-consecutive) during the period the unit is engaged in the special operation or serve for the full period when an operation is less than 21 days duration.
  - (3) Personnel must solely engage in direct support of an operation for 21 consecutive days, or for the total operation if less than 21 days. Direct support is defined as the supply by personnel, vessels, or aircraft, of service and/or supplies and equipment, in sole support of special operations.
  - (4) Personnel must serve at shore-based units specifically recommended by the operational commander as having participated in and significantly contributed to the accomplishment of the operation; or
  - (5) Personnel must be specifically recommended by the operational commander of the appropriate area.
- d. Recommendations. Recommendations for this award will be submitted to the area commander or Commandant via the appropriate chain of command, within 2 years of the military act or operation to be recognized. Recommendations shall be in letter form and include the following:
- (1) A narrative justification;
  - (2) A specifically defined geographic area;
  - (3) A listing of ships and or units which directly participated in the military act or operation, specifying dates of involvement;
  - (4) A listing of individuals, detailing full name, rank/rate, social security number, branch of service, and permanent unit at the time of the act or operation;
  - (5) Forwarding endorsements making a specific recommendation for approval/disapproval.

- e. Procurement, Issuance, and Manner of Wearing. The awarding authority will distribute initial issue quantities; recipients may purchase replacement ribbon bars. There is no citation to accompany the SOS. Table 1 in Chapter 1 indicates the precedence of the award.

9. Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to active duty members of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve, inactive duty members of the Coast Guard Reserve, or non-Coast Guard personnel who, under temporary or permanent assignment, satisfactorily complete a minimum of 12 months cumulative sea duty. For the purposes of the award, sea duty is defined as duty performed:
  - (1) Aboard any commissioned Coast Guard cutter 65 feet or more in length; or
  - (2) While assigned to a Fleet Training Group/Unit (FTG/FTU); or
  - (3) Aboard certain Coast Guard and non-Coast Guard vessels or units under official Coast Guard orders (e.g., Navy Exchange Program, Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET), or Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET)).
- b. Verification of Entitlement and Issuance. Commanding officers or officers in charge are authorized to verify service records and issue this award to eligible individuals based upon cumulative years of qualifying duty. For those personnel whose service records do not clearly show entitlement, an affidavit certified by the member, showing dates of service and the name of the unit, may be used. Personnel not meeting these eligibility requirements but who qualify under previous criteria are eligible for an initial award only. Subsequent awards must meet new eligibility requirements.

10. Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to Coast Guard personnel who have completed a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) tour of duty at a shore unit listed in enclosure (18). Coast Guard personnel assigned TAD or ADT/SADT/ADSW to a restricted unit are not eligible for the award. Coast Guard personnel assigned to units where it is optional to have accompanying dependents are not eligible for this award.
- b. Verification of Entitlement and Issuance. Commanding officers or officers in charge may authorize and issue this award to unit personnel at the end of each PCS tour of restricted duty. They are authorized to verify service records and issue this award to eligible individuals based upon past PCS tours of restricted duty, ensuring appropriate service record entries.

#### 11. Coast Guard Basic Training Honor Graduate Ribbon.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to Coast Guard personnel under the following conditions:
  - (1) Effective 1 April 1984, Coast Guard personnel comprising the top 3 percent of each Coast Guard recruit training graduating class are eligible for the award.
  - (2) Prior service personnel who graduated from other than Coast Guard recruit training are not eligible for the award.
- b. Verification of Entitlement and Issuance. The Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey, may authorize and issue the award(s) at the end of each recruit training period, ensuring appropriate service record entries. Individuals who believe themselves eligible for this award and who have not received it may submit a request for verification and issuance to Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey. Individuals who graduated from Coast Guard recruit training prior to 1 April 1984 who believe themselves eligible for this award may submit a request, with supporting documentation, to Commandant (G-WPM-1) via the chain of command.

#### 12. Coast Guard Recruiting Service Ribbon.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to Coast Guard personnel as follows:
  - (1) Active duty personnel who successfully complete a PCS tour (at least two consecutive years of duty) in recruiting are eligible for the award. The award is retroactive to those personnel who have successfully completed at least two consecutive years of duty in recruiting on or after 1 January 1994.
  - (2) Inactive duty Reserve personnel who complete recruiter personnel qualification standards and drill at or augment a recruiting office for a minimum of two years. (Subsequent awards are not authorized. All service after 1 January 1980 may be credited.)
- b. Issuance. Commander, Coast Guard Recruiting Command, will issue this award to personnel at the end of each successful PCS tour in recruiting.

#### 13. Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. The Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) is awarded for honorable and satisfactory service as a member or former member of one or more of the Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Coast Guard Reserve, as follows:

- (1) For satisfactory service for a period of 10 years. Such years of service must have been performed within a period of 12 consecutive years. Service in a regular component of the Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, is excluded, except active duty service performed by members of a reserve component will be included. Any period during which Reserve service is interrupted by one or more of the following will be excluded in computing, but will not be considered as a break in the period of 12 years:
    - (a) Service in a regular component of the Armed Forces.
    - (b) During tenure of office by a state official chosen by the voters of the entire state, territory, or possession.
    - (c) During tenure of office as a member of the legislative body of the United States or of any state, territory, or possession.
    - (d) While serving as Judge of a Court of Record of the United States or of any state, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia.
  - (2) On or after 1 August 1990, the member was called to active duty and served under sections 12301(A), 12302, 12304, 12406 of Title 10 U.S.C., or Chapter 15, or, in the case of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, Section 712 of title 14 U.S.C.
  - (3) On or after 1 August 1990, the member volunteered and served on active duty in support of specific U.S. Military Operations or contingencies designated by the Secretary of Defense, as defined in Section 101(A)(13) of Title 10 U.S.C.
- b. Devices and Method of Wearing. The following devices are authorized for wear on the AFRM:
- (1) Mobilization ("M") Device. The "M" device is authorized for members who qualified for the AFRM under subparagraphs 5.11.a.(1) through (3), above. Coast Guard Reserve members who receive orders changing their current duty status (legal authority under which they perform duty), their duty location, or assignment to support a contingency operation are eligible for the award.
  - (2) Hourglass Device. The 10-year hourglass device is authorized for wear on the AFRM to denote each succeeding 10-year period as follows:
    - (a) A bronze hourglass shall be award upon completion of the first 10-year period award.
    - (b) A silver hourglass shall be awarded upon completion of the second 10-year period award.
    - (c) A gold hourglass shall be awarded upon completion of the third 10-year period award.



- (d) A gold hourglass, followed by a bronze hourglass, shall be awarded upon completion of the fourth 10-year period award.

If no “M” device is authorized, the appropriate hourglass shall be positioned in the center of the ribbon. If no hourglass is authorized, the “M” device shall be positioned in the center of the ribbon, followed by Arabic numerals indicating the number of times the device has been awarded, starting with the second award. (No number is worn for the first award.) If both, the hourglass or hourglasses shall be positioned in first position on the ribbon (at the wearer’s right), the “M” device in the middle position, and the number of times the “M” device has been awarded in the remaining position (at the wearer’s left).

- c. Issuance, Procurement, and Verification of Entitlement. Unit commanding officers are delegated the authority to award the AFRM to eligible personnel. Commands unable to verify qualifying service for individuals claiming entitlement to this medal who have not received it may submit requests for verification and issuance to Commandant (G-WPM).

B. Campaign and Service Awards Requiring Approval by Department of Defense (DOD) for Coast Guard Members. Must be approved by DoD for Coast Guard members when operating with DoD are as follows:

1. National Defense Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to personnel under the following conditions:

- (1) Honorable active service as a member of the Armed Forces for any period after 26 June 1950 and before 28 July 1954; after 31 December 1960 and before 15 August 1974; on or after 2 August 1990 and before 30 November 1995; or on or after 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.
- (2) Any member of the Coast Guard Reserve who, after 31 December 1960, becomes eligible for the award Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Vietnam Service Medal shall be considered to be performing active service for the purpose of eligibility for the NDSM.
- (3) Members of the Selected Reserve in good standing who served for any period between 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995 shall be eligible for the NDSM. Any member of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve who, between 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995, became eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal, shall also be eligible for the award of the NDSM.
- (4) Cadets attending the Coast Guard Academy during the above periods are eligible for this medal. Public Health Service members and the Chaplain Corps are also eligible.

- (5) For purposes of this award, the following individuals are NOT eligible:
- (a) Reserve personnel on short tours of active duty to fulfill training obligations under an inactive duty training program;
  - (b) Any person on temporary active duty to serve on boards, courts, commissions, and like organizations;
  - (c) Any person on active duty for the sole purpose of undergoing a physical examination; or
  - (d) Individuals on active duty for purposes other than for extended active duty.

2. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) may be awarded to personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States who:
  - (1) Participate, or have participated, as members of United States military units in a United States military operation in which, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, personnel of any military department participate in significant numbers.
  - (2) Encounter, incident to such participation, foreign armed opposition, or are otherwise placed, or have been placed, in such position that, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hostile action by foreign armed forces was imminent even though it did not materialize.
- b. Categories of Operations. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal may be authorized for three categories of operations:
  - (1) United States military operations;
  - (2) United States operations in direct support of the United Nations; or
  - (3) United States operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations.
- c. Definitions.
  - (1) The “Area of Operations” is defined as:
    - (a) The foreign territory upon which United States Armed Forces have actually landed or are present and specifically deployed for the direct support of the designated military operation.
    - (b) Adjacent water areas in which United States ships are operating, patrolling, or providing direct support of operations.

- (c) The air space above and adjacent to the area in which operations are being conducted.
- (2) “Direct Support” is defined as the supply by ground units, ships and aircraft, of services and/or supplies and equipment to combat forces in the area of operations, provided such support involves actually entering the designated area, and furnishing fire, patrol, guard, reconnaissance, or other military support.
- d. Degree of Participation. Personnel must be bona fide members of a unit engaged in the operation, or meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (1) Serve not less than 30 consecutive days in the area of operations;
  - (2) Engage in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days, provided such support involves entering the area of operations;
  - (3) Serve for the full period when an operation is of less than 30 days duration;
  - (4) Engage in actual combat or duty which is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during an operation against armed opposition, regardless of time in the area;
  - (5) Participate as a regularly assigned crew member of an aircraft flying into, out of, within, or over the area in support of the military operation; or
  - (6) Be recommended, or attached to a unit recommended, by the Chief of Naval Operations or the commander of a unified or specified command for award of the medal, although the criteria above may not have been fulfilled. (A recommendation may be made to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, via the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard, for duty of such value to the operations as to warrant particular recognition.)
- e. Limitation of Medal. The medal shall be awarded only for which no other U.S. campaign medal is approved, and shall not be issued for service in Vietnam after 3 July 1965. For operations in which personnel of only one military department participate, the medal shall be awarded only if there is no other suitable award available to that department.
- f. Election of Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal/Vietnam Service Medal. Personnel who earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam during the period 1 July 1958 to 3 July 1965, inclusive, may elect to receive the Vietnam Service Medal in lieu of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. No individual may be issued both medals, however, for service in Vietnam.

- g. Election of Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal/Southwest Asia Service Medal. Service members who earned the SWASM and subsequently become eligible for the AFEM may elect to receive the AFEM in lieu of the SWASM. Only one award, either the AFEM or SWASM, may be issued for the period 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined for the termination of Operation Southern Watch.

### 3. Vietnam Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States under the following conditions:
  - (1) Awarded to all members serving at any time between 4 July 1965 and 28 March 1973 in the area defined under the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Vietnam.
  - (2) Awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia or the air space thereover, between 4 July 1965 and 28 March 1973 and serving in direct support of operations in Vietnam.
  - (3) Members qualified for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal by reason of service between 1 July 1958 and 3 July 1965 (inclusive) in an area for which the Vietnam Service Medal was subsequently authorized shall remain qualified for that medal. Upon application, any such member may be awarded the Vietnam Service Medal in lieu of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for such service. However, no person shall be entitled to both awards for service in an area for which the Vietnam Service Medal has been authorized.
- b. Specific Personnel Eligible.
  - (1) Attached to or regularly serving for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations; attached to or regularly serving for 1 or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; actual participation as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations; service for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days, except that time limit may be waived for personnel participation in actual combat operations. See enclosure (16) for a list of authorized campaigns and Coast Guard units having service creditable for the Vietnam Service Medal.
- c. Limitation of Medal. The medal shall be awarded only for operations for which no other U.S. campaign medal is approved. No person may be issued both Vietnam Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam (see paragraph 5.B.3. concerning election), and no person shall be entitled to more than one award of the Vietnam Service Medal.

#### 4. Southwest Asia Service Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel in designated areas of operation as follows:
  - (1) General. The Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) is to be authorized for wear by members of the Coast Guard who have served in one or more of the following areas on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995: the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 N latitude and west of 68 E longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Individuals serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including airspace and territorial waters) between 17 January 1991 and 30 November 1995 are also eligible for award of this medal.
  - (2) Specific.
    - (a) Eligible personnel must have been attached to or regularly served for one or more days with an organization participating in ground/shore (military) operations.
    - (b) Attached to or regularly served for one or more days, aboard a Coast Guard/Naval vessel directly supporting military operations.
    - (c) Actually participated as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated above.
    - (d) Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days. The time limitation may be waived for people who participated in actual combat operations.
- b. Manner of Wearing. A bronze service star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the Southwest Asia Service Medal for participation in each campaign period. The first campaign period is designated as the Defense of Saudi Arabia with corresponding dates of 2 August 1990 through 16 January 1991. The second campaign is designated Liberation and Defense of Kuwait from 17 January 1991 to 11 April 1991, and the third campaign is designated as the Southwest Asia Cease-fire from 12 April 1991 to the date of a Presidential proclamation terminating the Persian Gulf conflict. Eligibility for the Southwest Asia Service Medal without campaign stars will continue after the Presidential proclamation until the last combat forces participating in a security role (as defined by Director, Joint Staff) leave the theater of operations.

5. Armed Forces Service Medal.

a. Eligibility Requirements. The medal is authorized for military personnel as follows:

(1) General. Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 1 June 1992:

- (a) Participated as members of U.S. military units, in a U.S. military operation that is deemed to be a significant activity; and
- (b) Encounter no foreign armed opposition or imminent threat of hostile action.

(2) Specific. Service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating for 1 or more days in the operation within the designated area of eligibility (AOE), or meet one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) Be engaged in direct support for 30 consecutive days in the AOE (or for the full period when an operation is of less than 30 days duration) or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the AOE.
- (b) Participate as a regularly assigned crewmember of an aircraft flying into, out of, within, or over the AOE in support of the operation.

b. Qualifying Operations. The Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) may be authorized for significant U. S. military activities for which no other U. S. campaign or service medal is appropriate, such as: peacekeeping operations or prolonged humanitarian operations. The AFSM may be awarded for U. S. Military operations in direct support of the UN or NATO and for operations of assistance to friendly foreign nations.

c. Eligible Operations. The AFSM is approved for the following operations relating to the former Republic of Yugoslavia from 1 June 1992 until a date to be determined: Operations Provide Promise; Joint Endeavor; Able Sentry; Deny Flight; Maritime Monitor; and Sharp Guard within the total land area and airspace of the former Republic of Yugoslavia; Aviano, Ancona, and Brindisi, Italy; and Hungary; and the waters and airspace above that portion of the Adriatic Sea that lies north of forty degrees north latitude. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall designate U. S. military operations subsequent to 1 June 1992 that qualify for the AFSM and the qualifying areas of eligibility.

6. Kosovo Campaign Medal. The Kosovo Air Campaign began on 24 March 1999, and ended on 10 June 1999. The area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Sea north of 39 degrees north latitude. The Kosovo Defense Campaign began on 11 June 1999, and will end on a date to be determined. The area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, and the waters and air space of the Adriatic Sea within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania, and Croatia coastlines south of 42 degrees and 52 minutes North latitude.
  - a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel under the criteria below:
    - (1) Must have participated in or served in direct support of one or more of the following Kosovo operations: Allied Force, Joint Guardian, Allied Harbor, Sustain Hope/Shining Hope, Noble Anvil, or Kosovo Task Force Hawk, Task Force Saber, or Task Force Hunter within the Kosovo Air Campaign or Kosovo Defense Campaign area of eligibility.
    - (2) Must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or directly supporting the operation for 30 consecutive days in the of area of eligibility (AOE) or for 60 non-consecutive days provided this support involves entering the operations AOE or meet one or more of the following specific criteria:
      - (a) Be engaged in actual combat, or duty that is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area of eligibility.
      - (b) While participating in the operation, regardless of time, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.
      - (c) While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operation.
      - (d) The award is approved for the following Navy vessels as an exception to the 30 consecutive days within the Kosovo Air Campaign AOE criteria of para. (2)(a) above: USS NORFOLK; USS MIAMI; USS BOSE; USS ALBURQUERQUE; USS NICHOLSON; USS PHILIPPINE SEA; and USS GONZALEZ.

- b. Manner of Wearing. One bronze star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the KCM for qualifying participation in each campaign period. A servicemember who qualified as a participant in one campaign would wear the KCM with one bronze star. Meeting the criteria in each of the two campaigns would warrant the KCM and two bronze service stars. However, if an individual's 30 or 60 days began in one campaign and carried over into the second campaign, they would only qualify for the KCM and one service star.

C. Foreign/International Awards Authorized for Coast Guard personnel.

(COMDTINST 5370.8A (series) contains policy guidance governing the acceptance and retention of decorations and gifts from foreign governments).

1. Foreign Personal Decorations.

- a. Personal awards tendered to members of the Coast Guard by friendly foreign nations for a specific act or acts of gallantry of meritorious service and authorized for wear in accordance with this chapter take precedence immediately after all U. S. Service awards.
- b. Such awards take precedence among themselves in the order earned, except that when two or more are received from the same country, they are worn in accordance with the precedence established by the country.

2. Foreign Unit Awards. The only foreign unit award authorized is the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Civil Actions Medal First Class Color.

3. Non-U.S. Service Awards.

- a. United Nations Medal. Awarded to U. S. Service members who are or have been in the service of the U. N. in operations designated and approved by the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF).
  - (1) The medal is a bronze medallion suspended on a ribbon with a blue background and two white stripes. There is a coordinating service ribbon. A bronze service star is worn on the medal and service ribbon to denote subsequent awards for participation in more than one of the qualifying operations. See enclosure (20) for a list of qualifying operations.
  - (2) The U. N. awards the United Nations Medal to individuals who are actually assigned to U. N. operations. Their practice is to use the same medallion for all awards with a different suspension ribbon for each authorized operation.



- (3) If approved by SECDEF, U. S. service members who meet the criteria may accept and wear the first U. N. medal with unique suspension and service ribbon for which they are eligible. To recognize subsequent awards (if approved by SECDEF) for service in a different U. N. mission or action, the member will affix a bronze service star to the first U. N. suspension and service ribbon awarded.
  - (4) The U. N. medal will normally be awarded by the Chief of the U. N. Mission to qualifying U. S. service members prior to their departures from U. N. service. Questions regarding eligibility must be addressed to the U. N. Mission.
  - b. Inter-American Defense Board Medal and Ribbon. Coast Guard personnel assigned to the Inter-American Defense Board may wear the badge in the same manner as the Recruiting Identification Badge. The ribbon only is authorized for post-assignment wear. (See COMDTINST. M1020.6E.3.e.4.)
4. Campaign Awards.
- a. Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Awarded in recognition of service performed in Vietnam on or after 1 March 1962, in the cause of the Republic of Vietnam. (The provision of Public Law 89.257 permits acceptance of the medal). Service in connection with the Military Assistance Program does not preclude acceptance of this medal. After determination of eligibility, the commanding officer shall take the following action: For active duty personnel who claim eligibility for the award by reason of prior service on shore in Vietnam or within the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal/Vietnam Service Medal eligibility area, on the basis of available records, make appropriate entries in enlisted service records and address official letters to officers, certifying eligibility for the award, authorizing the wearing of the ribbon bar with device and indicating the date of issuance. Copies of the letters to officers shall be forwarded to CGPC-adm-3 for filing in officers' records.
  - b. Kuwait Liberation Medal. Authorized by the Government of Saudi Arabia for members of the Coalition Forces who participated in Operations DESERT STORM and the liberation of Kuwait. The Deputy Secretary of Defense authorized the acceptance and wearing of this medal. Eligibility requirements for the award are as follows:
    - (1) In order to qualify, one of the following requirements must have been met:
      - (a) Served in support of Operation DESERT STORM between 17 January and 28 February 1991 in the following areas: Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, or Gulf of Aden; that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude; or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Omar, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

- (b) Attached to or regularly served for one or more days with an organization that participated in ground and/or shore operations.
  - (c) Attached to or regularly served for one or more days aboard a naval vessel that directly supported military operations.
  - (d) Actually participated as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights that supported military operations in the areas designated above.
  - (e) Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days during this period. That time limitation may be waived for personnel who participated in actual combat operations.
- (2) The Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel for each Service and the Director, Joint Staff, are authorized to grant exceptions to policy for award of this medal. Since the Government of Saudi Arabia specified the eligibility period and geographic boundaries, those criteria may not be waived.